

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14, 16, 20-26, 27, 29, 30-35, 39-45, 46 and 48 are now pending in the present application. Claims 17, 19, 36 and 38 are being cancelled herewith. As all pending claims (Claims 1-14, 16, 20-26, 27, 29, 30-35, 39-45, 46 and 48) were indicated as being allowed in the most recent Office Action dated August 16, 2006, Applicants request entry of the amendment after final in order to cancel the non-allowed claims and thus place this case in condition for allowance.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The Examiner rejected Claims 17, 19, 36 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Raveis, Jr. US 2001/0047282 A1 in view of Hoyt et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,067,531). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants are canceling Claims 17, 19, 36 and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer in order that this case can expeditiously pass to issuance.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 17, 19, 36 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 has been overcome.

II. Allowed Claims

Applicants graciously acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-14, 16, 20-26, 27, 29, 30-35, 39-45, 46 and 48. As these allowed claims are the only remaining claims in this case, it is urged that this case is in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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